

## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

November 2014 – Week 4

Air Date: November 16 – November 22 (Sunday – Saturday)



### TITLE: HOLY HERO!

NOVEMBER 1854 AND A TEXAS HERO GETS HOLY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 19, 1854. INDEPENDENCE. SAM HOUSTON'S BEEN A GENERAL, A PRESIDENT, A SENATOR AND GOVERNOR OF TWO STATES. HE IS ALSO PROFANE, ILL-TEMPERED, AND UNTIL RECENTLY, AN UNREPENTANT DRUNK.

NOW, THANKS TO HIS PIOUS WIFE, THE OLD WARRIOR WANTS TO BE BAPTISED. BUT THE CHURCH BAPTISMAL FONT IS MYSTERIOUSLY VANDALIZED.

SO, SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY, REV. RUFUS BURLESON DUNKS HOUSTON IN THE CHILLY WATERS OF NEARBY ROCKY CREEK.

LATER, WHEN HE WAS TOLD HIS SINS HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY, HOUSTON REPLIED "I HOPE SO. AND LORD HELP THE FISH DOWN BELOW."

SAM HOUSTON WAS BAPTISED 160 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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